

Mayor's Committee on Disabilities Minutes - September 11, 2012

Present: Karen Keating, Bryce Gilbert, Eva Reynolds, Christine Smith, Ashley Edmonds

Absent: Murphys, Florence Bannon, Jared Merrill

Discussions:

- Mayor Bellamy will come to the October meeting
- Bart wants to continue to be involved but it depends on his employment situation
- Growing membership – how?
- Ashley re-emphasized the need to clarify the committee's vision and get a list of past accomplishments; target goals; try to pull back past members; have specific projects/assignments
- Karen discussed need for advocacy and awareness. Gave example of Tourist's baseball game when all HC parking was taken and problem was well-solved; feels we should continue to meet monthly for now, perhaps go to bi-monthly when there are objectives
- Bring non-profits together for dialogue; share best practices; be more transparent; representation on other committees and councils
- Get brochures to local events; press release describing committee and that we're looking for members

Respectfully submitted,

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